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Modified scheme of elementary education

* 1709 *Q*.—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state the number of school teachers punished or against whom charges are pending for not carrying out the modified scheme of elementary education?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Nil, Sir."

City water-supply

* 1710 *Q*.—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government of Madras ascertained from the Corporation of Madras the reasons for the scarcity of water-supply in the City during April, May and June 1954; and

(*b*) if so, the reasons?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) There was no scarcity of water-supply in the City during April, May and June 1954.

" (*b*) Does not arise."

SRI N. K. PALANISAMY :—" I want a correction to be made in my question. Instead of ' scarcity of water ', it should read as ' contamination of water '? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The hon. Member cannot change the question now."

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The hon. Member may put a supplementary question."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Let there be no misunderstanding. In the original question which the hon. Member gave notice of, it was only ' scarcity of water '. That was his original question."

SRI N. K. PALANISAMY :—" Was there any contamination of water? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" It has been found that the present system of slow sand filter cannot remove the organic matter which is found dissolved in the raw water of Red Hills lake. It is for that purpose Government have sanctioned the installation of rapid mechanical filters for filtering a portion of the water now supplied to the City."

SRI N. K. PALANISAMY :—" Is it a fact that when an Expert Engineer was deputed he found that in Kilpauk there was a passage through which impure water got mixed up with the regular water-supply system thus making the water-supply a contaminated one? Was it not a fact that this defect was found only after three months? Why was this contamination of water not found out previously? What was the reason for not detecting the defect earlier? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The hon. Member is referring to a particular incident. I have no information about it."